## Cut Motion No. 18

### Bridge connecting Kunnamkulam and Mangad

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I move *that the allotment of Rs. 4,16,872 for Communications may be reduced by Re. 1.* This is *to bring to the notice of the Government to connect Kunnamkulam and Mangad villages by a bridge over Vettikkadavu.*

Sir, this is a very important bridge so far as the arecanut trade is concerned. Now people are carrying the raw arecanuts produced by the ryots on their heads and shoulders to Pazhanji from Kunnamkulam and villages to the west and south of Kunnamkulam. If this bridge is constructed, it can be safely taken by bullock carts and by other vehicles. For this purpose, the people of Mangad and other parts of Kunnamkulam and the villages referred to above, do not also object in having a toll, although at a far lesser rate than the Shoranur Bridge toll. So, I request that the matter may be investigated by the Member for Engineering and taken up at an early date, say, in the 1117 budget. This need not be included in the Road Board Programme, since it is a bridge which can be brought under capital outlay. With these few words, I commend this motion for the acceptance of this House.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, the work of constructing an embankment and a bridge at Vettikadavu has been before the Government for some time—for about 10 to 15 years. But, at that time, it was thought that it would be unnecessary to do this work if the Parayanpadam Pazhanji road is constructed. Now this road has already been constructed. The cost of constructing the Vettikadavu embankment will come to about Rs. 30,000. This question also will have to be placed before the Road Board, because bridges also come under the Road Board programme.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* The necessity of this bridge has not been lessened by the fact that the Parayanpadam Pazhanji road has been constructed. That connects Chowannur with Pazhanji. Of course, by the construction of this road the distance from Pazhanji to Kunnamkulam has not been considerably reduced. But Kunnamkulam village has to be connected with Mangad. If this connection is made, within ten years Kunnamkulam and Pazanji will amalgamate itself as one big town. When Kunnamkulam and the surrounding places grow in importance it is only very desirable to have such a bridge. This work can be classed as one item of capital outlay and not included in the ordinary Road Board Programme. Therefore, I request the Member for Engineering to go once again into the whole question.

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**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I shall look into the matter in the new aspect, and see whether it is profitable or justifiable to take it up as a capital work.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* In view of the assurance of the Chief Engineer, I do not press the motion.

*Motion by leave withdrawn*

## Cut Motion No. 19

### Bridge near the second mile-stone from the basin of the Shanmukham Canal

**Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):* Sir, I move *to reduce Rs. 4,416,872 for Public Works, Communication, by Re. 1. The object of my motion is to bring to the kind notice of the Government the urgent necessity of providing a bridge near the second mile stone from the basin of the Shanmukham Canal.* I do not wish to take much time of this House. This question has already been raised by Mr. Viswambharan and I wish to bring to the notice of this House one important fact regarding this question. Government in their anxiety to make Irinjalakuda a more prosperous town has spent nearly two lakhs of rupees in constructing the Shanmukham Canal. I bring to the notice of this House that if the question of some bridges is not considered by the Government at the earliest opportunity, they will be doing a positive disservice to the rural population inhabiting Chelur, Edathirinji, Padiyur, etc. To a question the other day the Hon'ble Member for Public Works was remarking that he has not made a personal enquiry into the matter.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* No. No. I have selected the places for constructing 3 bridges across the canal.

**Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):* What about Peishkar Road?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Then I did not think it to be necessary. Now I think it is an important place where we should have a bridge.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* This Peishkar road is within the limits of the Municipality.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Technically speaking it is so. But, the Municipality has no real work to do anywhere there.

**Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):* The bridge mentioned in my cut motion, if thoroughly enquired into, will be found to be the most important bridge that will help the people of the neighbouring



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